
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**11 CFR Part 9008****[Notice 1983-20]****Presidential Election Campaign Fund,
Federal Financing of Presidential
Nominating Conventions****AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule; technical
amendments.

SUMMARY: The Commission is publishing today technical amendments to its regulations at 11 CFR Part 9008 which govern public financing of Presidential Nominating Conventions. These amendments are intended to bring the regulations into conformance with the 1979 Amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (Pub. L. 96-187). 11 CFR Part 9008 has also been amended to change the terminology defining the metropolitan area in which the convention city is located in accordance with new standards established by the Office of Management and Budget.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1983.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1979, Pub. L. 96-187, 93 Stat. 1339 (1980), amended 26 U.S.C. 9008(b)(1) by increasing the amount of convention financing available to major and minor political parties from \$2 million to \$3 million. These amendments also changed the recordkeeping requirements under 2 U.S.C. 432(c)(5) by raising the threshold for documentation of expenditures to \$200 and reducing the documentation requirements for expenditures to a payee which individually are less than, but which in

the aggregate total in excess of the threshold amount.

The technical amendments published in this notice revise 11 CFR 9008.1(a)(1) to increase the entitlement amount to \$3,000,000 in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 9008(b)(1). Also, 11 CFR 9008.8(b)(4)(v)(A) has been amended to include the revised recordkeeping requirements of 2 U.S.C. 432(c)(5).

Further technical amendments have been made to incorporate the new terminology defining metropolitan areas recently adopted by the Office of Management and Budget. 45 FR 956 (1/3/80). Since the general term used to refer to metropolitan areas, "Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area" or "SMSA" is no longer used, it has been replaced by the new generic term "Metropolitan Statistical Area" ("MSA") in 11 CFR 9008.7(c)(2)(iv) and 9008.7(d)(2)(iv). Thus, § 9008.7(c)(2)(iv) now provides that a business located within the same Metropolitan Statistical Area as the convention city is considered a local business which may sell or provide samples and promotional materials to those attending the convention pursuant to 11 CFR 9008.7(c)(2)(i). Similarly, businesses, municipal corporations, government agencies and labor organizations within the Metropolitan Statistical Area of the convention city are considered local under 11 CFR 9008.7(d)(2)(iv) and under 11 CFR 9008.7(d)(2)(i), may make contributions and expenditures to promote the convention city and its commerce.

Because these amendments are technical, they are not substantive rules requiring notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553, or legislative review under 26 U.S.C. § 9009(c). These amendments are, therefore, made effective July 21, 1983.